

Independence Park Phase I

12/1/2016
 To: Mayor and City Council members
 Progress update on the design of upcoming major upgrades to one of our largest parks.
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Scope: Phase I improvements include a reorientation of the of the entry into the park, relocation and replacement of the existing playground, improvements to electrical & lighting along with minor architectural details in the existing pavilion, upgrade electrical and water around the park for vendor access, pedestrian lighting, re-stripe basketball court, the construction of additional parking, additional 4-6 restrooms, a small stage and sloped earthen berm type amphitheater for special events and landscaping. Add Wi-Fi to the part at the time fiber is extended along John Lizer Rd.

Justification: Independence Park is one of the oldest and most recognized parks that the City owns. According to the park utilization survey conducted with the master plan, this park had the second highest utilization of all City parks. Most of the current amenities at the park are outdated or in bad condition and are in need of replacement. This project was approved by voters in the 2007 Bond Program. The Master Plan lists improvements to this park as a high priority. .

Project Manager: Andrea Brinkley

Designer: Talley Landscape Architects

Contractor: N/A

Budget Info:

	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Encumbered</i>	<i>Change Orders</i>	<i>Balance</i>
<i>Prelim. Eng.</i>	\$29,437.00	\$29,436.68		\$0.32
<i>Land</i>				\$0.00
<i>Design</i>	\$330,000.00	\$252,740.00		\$77,260.00
<i>Construction</i>	\$3,316,613.00			\$3,316,613.00
<i>FF&E</i>				\$0.00
<i>Contingency</i>	\$300,000.00			\$300,000.00
Total	\$3,976,050.00	\$282,176.68	\$0.00	\$3,693,873.32

Schedule Info:

	<i>Base Line</i>	<i>Current</i>
<i>Design Start</i>	April-16	April-16
<i>Proposed Bid Start</i>	March-17	
<i>Proposed Construction Start</i>	May-17	
<i>Proposed Construction Completion</i>	May-18	

Rain Days: N/A

Previous Memos: 04.14.16, 09.01.16

Highlights:

- The consultant has submitted 60% plans and staff has started the review of the plans.
- Staff completed the 30% review of the plans and provided comments to the consultant. The project team continues to review and refine the overall components.
- The new entry way will include a left turn lane on Pearland Parkway and a larger bus drop off area for special events.
- The berm serves as a seating area, as well as a sound buffer.

- The proposed tunnel through the berm will be lighted and could host future art installations. The berm will face a stage. The style and size of the stage is still in review by staff.
- The internal circulation road will be partially removed, and replaced with pathways, and the extent of the pathways is still to be determined and will likely depend of function required in this phase and the budget.
- The playground area will include accessible play elements such as swings, sand play area. Additional parking is planned along the perimeter of the park to encourage passive recreation in the park without pedestrian vehicle conflict, while providing access to the park.
- Staff is considering a prefabricated building restroom firm to provide a new restroom building to replace the existing building that is not handicap accessible and not code compliant.
- Key considerations at this time are the scope of the phase one improvements and the budget.

The 90% plans are due to be submitted in January 2017.

Phase 1 Improvements - 30 % Schematic plan is shown below:



** Improvements shown in color are included in Phase 1. Improvements shown in light red outline are part of the future phases, per the revised master plan for this park. Refinements during the design phase may change or alter the scope of the improvements to stay within budget.